

water, thea MITEA, ABYAMAST, VARUNA, and
the
circumambient (troop of MAHTJTS),
pierce through
the (investing) membrane^ into the
womb, of the
cloud.

4. AGNI, son of strength, lord of food and
of
cattle, give us abundant sustenance,
thou who
knowest all that exists.

5. He^ the blazing AGNI, who is wise, and
the
granter of dwellings, is to be praised by our
hymns,
O thou whose mouth (glows) with many
(flames)/
shine (propitiously, so) that ibod-proYicfiig
wealth
may be ours !

6. Shining AGXI, drive off (all disturbers of
the
rite), either by thyself, or (thy servants),
whether by
day or by night: sh.arp~Yisaged AG2fi,
destroy the
RaksJiasas entirely.

7. A.GSI, who. In all rites, ait to be praised,
guard
us with thy protection, (propitiated) by the
recita- ^{ZXTIIL}
tion of the metrical liynm.^b

7. Grant us? AGXI, riches that dispel
poirerty?
that are desirable (to all), and cannot be
taken
(from us) in all encounters (with our foes).
8. Grant us? AGSTI, for our livelihood,
wealth^

^a *Purvanila*,; from *jpuru*, many? and *an'i&a*, face
or month:
flames are understood, agreeably to a commoE

name of *Ajni*_s
Jwaldjihwa, flame-toEgaed, Eqsensias, evidently,
 read the *muMa*
 of the commentary^ *w&ha*, .and explains *purtantlsa*₉
mv2tis
fruens.

^b *Gdyatira*; either a portion of the *Sdm@y* so termed, or
ri metre, according to the Scholiast.